

CARING FOR THOSE IN NEED

GRADES PK-K – Lesson II

Goal:

Students will be encouraged to explore the meaning of poverty here in the United States as well as around the world. What does poverty look like? Why is help for the poor central to Jesus' message?

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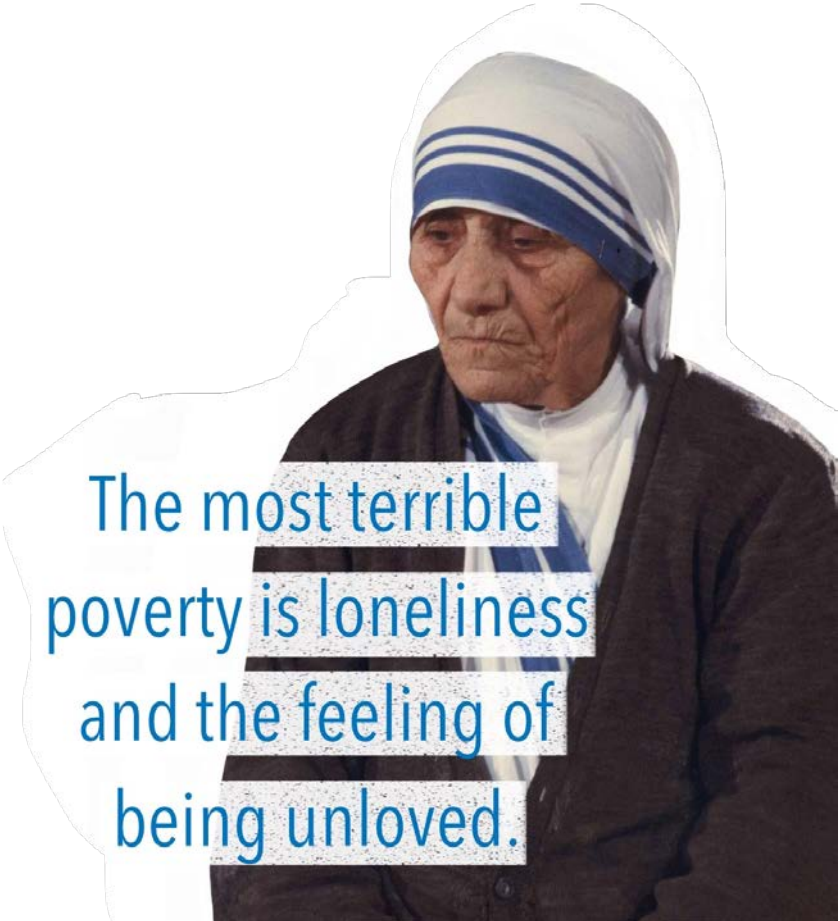
Students will explore what is meant by poverty. They will see how Jesus wants them to treat those who are poor with dignity, care, generosity, and love. They will discuss what poverty looks like in the world around them (physical and spiritual). As Mother Teresa says, people can be just as hungry for love as they are for bread. Students will learn how to love God and their neighbor through the parable of the Good Samaritan and how they can be a Good Samaritan for others.

Sing and Dance:

[Love One Another](#)

Bible Story:

Watch the story of
[The Good Samaritan](#)



The most terrible
poverty is loneliness
and the feeling of
being unloved.

Discussion:

Through the story of the good Samaritan, we see how important it is to care for those who are poor and helpless. Jesus says that we are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our strength and with all our minds; and our neighbors as ourselves. The Samaritan showed love to God and to his neighbor by helping the wounded man. Why? Because God wants to help each of us and He wants us to help each other too.

- How was the wounded man shown love and mercy?
- How do you think the wounded man felt when he was shown love and mercy?
- How do you think the wounded man felt when the priest and the Levite passed him by?
- What would have happened if nobody helped the wounded man?
- Who is our neighbor?
- How can we love our neighbor as ourselves?
- Have you ever been like the Good Samaritan in the story? What did that feel like?

In today's world we don't see many people wounded on the road but what other kinds of poverty do we see?

- Can you be a Good Samaritan to someone who doesn't have any friends?
- Can you be a Good Samaritan to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
- Can you be a Good Samaritan to someone who doesn't have a snack?

Activity:

Print coloring sheet on next page.

Prayer: *In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*

Heavenly Father,

You have given us so many good things.

You have given us our family, our friends, our home, our school, good food, and nice clothes.

We pray for our brothers and sisters who do not have these things.

Help us to love them and to find ways to help and serve them.

Amen

